



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Principals Month

WHEREAS, school leaders are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual and policy mandates and initiatives as well as being entrusted with our young people, our most valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort; and


WHEREAS, leadership is second only to classroom instruction among all school-related factors that contribute to what students learn at school, according to research conducted by the Wallace Foundation; and


WHEREAS, the celebration of Principals Month honors elementary, middle level, and high school principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as Principals Month in the State of Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to recognize the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 9th day of October, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State